Computerised Railway reservation facilities in the country

280. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under its consideration to introduce computerised railway reservation facility through out the country;

(b) if so, the year by which such computerised railway ticket reservation facility is expected to be provided in every station;

(c) the target date set therefor; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d) Extension of Computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS) to various stations in the country is being done on the basis of reservation workload subject to availability of fund. Each year, stations are selected for computerisation on the basis of their reservation workload and/or if the station is important from some other point of view such as being a State capital. The endeavour of the Ministry of Railways is to expand the PRS network to as many stations as possible. Already more than 80 per cent of the reservation workload in the country has been brought under the coverage of PRS.

पटना (बिहार) में रेल मुख्यालय

281. **श्री आस मोहम्मद** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार चार रेलवे जोनों का कार्यक्षेत्र है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार पटना (बिहार) में रेलवे का क्षेत्रीय मुख्यालय खोलने का विचार कर रही है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ): (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) से (घ) जोनों के सृजन/पुनर्गठन से संबंधित मामले का अध्ययन किया जा रहा है और उसकी जांच की जा रही है ।

Borrowing of Indian Railways

282. SHRI TRILOKINATH CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the short term and long term borrowings of the Indian Railways under Plan and non-plan heads institution-wise during each of the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Railways had to borrow to meet the current expenditure, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what specific steps are being taken to improve the finances and the performance of the railways in 1994?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No short term loan was taken during the last three years by Indian Railways. Indian Railways resort to long term borrowings from General Revenues, to finance works chargeable to Capital including Metropolitan Transport Projects. The loan